(d) what are the reasons for these huge advances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) IDBI has reported that financial institutions have not recommended take over of the company.

(b) to (d) In accordance with the provisions of section 29 of the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) Act, 1964, information relating to or to the affairs of its constituents cannot be divulged except in circumstances, in which it is, in accordance with law or practice and usage, customary among bankers, necessary or appropriate for IDBI to divulge such information.

Appointment of non-official directors in nationalised banks

833. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the selection of non-official Directors to be appointed in nationalised banks has been completed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) The process of identification of suitable persons for appointment as non-official Directors on the Boards of 20 nationalised banks is expected to be completed soon.

Scrapping of Gold Control Act

834. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal is under consideration of Government to examine afresh the viability of the Gold Control Act;

(b) whether the proposal has been considered and a decision has been taken to scrap the Gold Control Act;

(c) whether Government propose to permit liberal import of gold by individuals under the new proposal? taken to scrap the Gold Control Act; and

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) to (c) Government had set up two Working Groups headed by S/Shri J. Datta & Dr. C. Rangarajan to look into the Gold Control Act and the policy on gold. The recommendations of Datta Committee *inter-alia* include increase in limits of primary gold to be possessed by goldsmiths; modifications in records and returns; review of the system of licening of gold dealers and relaxation under the Gold (Control) Act to facilitate export; the Rangaranjan Committee has *interalla* suggested modifications in the Gold (Control) Act, review of the present ceiling on the aggregate value of the gold jewellery that could be brought into India free of duty under the Transfer of Residence Rules, 1978 and Baggage Rules, 1978.

Cases referred to CBI for violation FERA

835. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases referred by Government (Directorate of Enforcement) to CBI for violation of FERA since January, 1988;

(b) what is the number of cases in which a final decision was taken to

refer the cases for prosecution along with the names and the amounts involved; and

(c) what is the number of cases which are pending investigation and which are being currently investigated with details of the names, the nature of crimes and the amounts involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Cases involving violation of FERA are dealt with by the Directorate of Enforcement. However, cases involving violation of IPC in addition to FERA are also referred to CBI. Since January 1988 the Enforcement Directorate has referred two cases involving forgery of documents to CBI for further investigation.

Fire in a godown in Lawrence Road, Delhi

836. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fire broke out in a godown in Lawrence Road, Delhi during the 3rd week of October, 1988;

(b) if so, what is the number of persons killed/injured as a result of the fire and what action has been taken against the godown owner;

(c) whether it is a fact that fire fighting equipments are not being kept in most of the P.V.C. industries located in Tri Nagar and Lawrence Road areas, resulting danger to the lives of the labourers; and

(d) whether the Central Government propose to make a survey of all such industries in Tri Nagar and Lawrence Road areas and make it compulsory for the factory owners to get 'No Objection Certificates' from the Fire Service and keep fire fighting equipments so as to save the lives of the innocent labourers from any untoward happenings and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 31 persons received burn injuries. As per police record 23 persons out of them later succumbed to injuries. A case under Section 336/337/285/286 and 304-A IPC has been registered against the owner of building and industry.

(c) and (d) While it is a fact that many PVC industries do not have adequate fire-fighting arrangements, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi have intimated that as per the list of the fire hazarduous trades approved by the Directorate of Industries, Delhi Administration, the trade PVC/Plastic is not fire hazarduous. In view of this, Delhi Municipal Corporation feel that the question of obtaining NOC from Delhi Fire Service while giving licence is not necessary.

Profit earned by STC through sales of imported edible oils

837. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the C.I.F. price of imported palm oil and other edible oils being imported by S.T.C.;

(b) what is the duty element and the landed cost of such oil per ton;

(c) what is the price at which S.T.C. sells this oil to vanaspati manufacturers;

(d) what is S.T.C.'s profit margin;

(e) what is the total profits of S.T.C. for 1986-87 and 1987-88; and